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## Viewing cable 05BUCHAREST742, SCENESETTER FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE ZOELICK'S MARCH 30 VISIT TO BUCHAREST

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">05BUCHAREST742</a>	<a href="#">2005-03-24 13:37</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">Embassy Bucharest</a>

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SUBJECT: SCENESETTER FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE ZOELICK'S MARCH 30 VISIT TO BUCHAREST  
REF: A. A) BUCHAREST 476 B. B) BUCHAREST 429

Classified By: CHARGE D'AFFAIRES THOMAS DELARE FOR REASONS 1.4 A, B ANDD

[1](#)1. (C) Introduction and Summary: Embassy Bucharest warmly welcomes your March 30 visit as a tangible demonstration of the deepening U.S./Romania's "Orange Revolution"

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[1](#)2. (C) Basescu's upset presidential victory against former Prime Minister Adrian Nastase on December 12 surprised even his closest political associates. In subsequent weeks, Basescu appointed center-right co-leader Calin Popescu-Tariceanu as prime minister, and rebuffed attempts by the PSD to make

[1](#)3. (C) The new cabinet they formed is the youngest in Romania's post-communist history, with an average age in the late 30's, including FM Ungureanu. Seeking Strong Transatlantic Ties

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[1](#)4. (C) During his presidential campaign, Basescu repeatedly made reference to what he called a "Bucharest-London-Washington" axis. He clearly  
[1](#)5. (C) Nonetheless, the PM and FM share Basescu's desire for a strong strategic relationship with the U.S., including enhanced cooperation in  
[1](#)6. (C) Basescu and his team are clearly enthused about the "Orange Revolution" that swept into power in Ukraine and here and would like to use  
[1](#)7. (C) Basescu and Tariceanu have also reaffirmed strong support for a potential U.S. basing presence in Romania. They view such proposed basing as  
A Steadfast GWOT Ally: Romania in Iraq and Afghanistan; Emerging Strategy of Terrorist Preemption

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[1](#)8. (C) Romania has been a continuous supporter of U.S.-led operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, and Basescu repeatedly has vowed to ensure a Romania  
[1](#)9. (C) In general, the commitment to the GWOT, Afghanistan, and Iraq receives broad bipartisan support in Romania, with few calls from the media to  
Finally, we expect to see issuance of an MOD White Paper within days that will highlight terrorist preemption as one of a half a dozen key strategies in  
Rosy Macroeconomic Picture...

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10.(C) In its slightly more than two months in office, the new government has implemented bold measures championed by PM Tariceanu, such as international  
11.(SBU) Romania has significantly improved its macroeconomic situation in the past few years, cutting inflation to below 10 percent in 2004 from  
12.(SBU) Overall, foreign direct investment (FDI) is growing, but is still relatively low for Eastern and Central Europe. The total net stock of  
13.(SBU) Additionally, Romanian 2004 exports posted record levels \* up 33.8 percent in USD from 2003. However, Romanian exporters fear that 2005  
...But Sticking Points Remain with IMF

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14.(SBU) The Government of Romania is attempting to secure IMF agreement to a combined second and third review of its current standby arrangement  
15.(SBU) Tariffs remain one of the few contentious issues in our bilateral economic relationship. Romanian tariffs on U.S. imports are a problem  
16.(SBU) Romania recognizes its legal obligation to protect intellectual property rights (IPR) as a signatory to several international conventions  
Forging Ahead on EU Accession

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17.(C) Basescu and his government are committed to securing Romania's 2007 EU accession, with PM Tariceanu and FM Ungureanu out in front on Romania  
Confronting the Communist Past

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18.(C) In an attempt to redress some of the wrongs committed under communist rule, Basescu has vowed to open up additional files of the notoric Continuing Points of Contention: Adoptions, Awards, Accidents and(Business)Acrimony ----- --

19.(C) While overall relations with Romania are excellent, there are a number of contentious issues which have either eluded resolution or coul

20.(C) The first issue is Romania's failure thus far to resolve over 200 pending inter-country adoption cases for U.S. parents. During his visi

21.(U) At his meeting with Basescu on March 9, President Bush responded positively to an on-the-spot request from Basescu to include Romania ar

22.(C) Also contentious was the awarding in December by the previous Romanian president of Romania's highest honor, the Star of Romania, to the

23.(C) The new Romanian Government's apparent willingness to tackle business issues requiring considerable political capital and courage - note

24.(C) On the negative side, the new government has been dilatory in meeting some contractual obligations with U.S. firms and in addressing fle

25.(C) Finally, the December 2004 accident involving the U.S. Embassy Marine Security Guard detachment commander that led to the death of Roman  
Comment and Conclusion

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26.(C) Your visit to Romania provides an opportunity to underscore that, despite some unresolved bilateral issues, Romania and the U.S. seek to

14. (U) Amembassy Bucharest's Reporting telegrams, as well as daily press summaries, are available on the Bucharest SIPRNet website: [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov).

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